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SUBJECT:FRANK PRESS VISIT TO PRC

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE OF JUNE
27 ON FRANK PRESS VISIT TO THE PRC, A LIST OF DELEGATION
MEMBERS AND Q'S AND A'S. POSTS MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON TEXT
IN RESPONDING TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DELEGATION AND
THE VISIT.

DR. FRANK PRESS, THE ADVISOR ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE
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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, WILL LEAD A
14 MEMBER DELEGATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT SCIENCE POLICY
MAKERS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO CHINA FROM JULY 6 THROUGH
JULY 10.

DR. PRESS IS UNDERTAKING THIS MISSION AT THE REQUEST
OF THE PRESIDENT. THE TRIP WAS FIRST DISCUSSED WITH

THE CHINESE DURING DR. BRZEZINSKI'S MAY 20-23 TRIP TO PEKING.

WHILE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE DELEGATION WILL BE HOSTED BY PEKING'S PERTINENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS.

DR. PRESS AND HIS GROUP WILL BE IN PEKING FOR FOUR DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE COUNTERPARTS.

DR. PRESS'S VISIT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY, 1972, IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AGREED THAT "IT IS DESIRABLE TO BROADEN THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES. . . IN SUCH FIELDS AS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY." BOTH SIDES UNDERTOOK TO FACILITATE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT DR. PRESS'S DELEGATION WILL LEAD TO A BROADER PROGRAM WITH CHINA IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

A DELEGATION LIST FOLLOWS:

FRANK PRESS DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND
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FLO L. BROUSSARD SECRETARY TO DR. PRESS

2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. HOW WILL THE GROUP TRAVEL?

A: BY GOVERNMENT PLANE.

Q: WILL JOURNALISTS ACCOMPANY?

A: NO.

Q: IS THIS ANOTHER INSTANCE OF PLAYING THE "CHINA"
CARD?

A: NO. IF YOU LOOK AT THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION, THE STRESS IS ON TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, ENERGY, AND COMMERCE. WE CONSIDER IT IN OUR LONG-TERM BILATERAL INTEREST TO ESTABLISH GOVERNMENTAL CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE SCIENCE COMMUNITY AT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME WHEN IT IS TURNING OUTWARD.

Q: ARE WE ATTEMPTING TO STRENGTHEN CHINA AGAINST THE SOVIETS.

A: NO. THIS VISIT DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE "TILTING" TOWARD CHINA IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. IF ANYTHING, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE GREATER

BALANCE, FOR OUR CURRENT S&T RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USSR IS ALREADY QUITE EXTENSIVE. DR. PRESS WILL BE VISITING MOSCOW LATER IN JULY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO HOLD OUR SIXTH ANNUAL S&T MEETING WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

Q: WHY IS THIS VISIT IN OUR INTEREST?

A: ALTHOUGH CHINA INTENDS TO REMAIN BASICALLY SELF RELIANT, IT IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO ACQUIRE FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY BOTH IN SCIENCE AND COMMERCIALLY. WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN HAVE A POSITIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN CHINA'S DRIVE TO MODERNIZE ITS COUNTRY. LIKEWISE, WE BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO LEARN FROM THE CHINESE IN FIELDS WHERE THEY HAVE MADE INDEPENDENT CONTRIBUTIONS. WE HOPE TO DEVELOP A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP. MOST IMPORTANT, A STRONG AND SECURE CHINA IS IN OUR INTERESTS:

- A CHINA THAT IS SELF-SUFFICIENT IN AGRICULTURE
- A CHINA THAT PURSUES AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY.
- A CHINA THAT CONTRIBUTES TO WORLD ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE SUPPLIES.

Q: WHO PRECISELY WILL HOST THE DELEGATION?

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A: THE CHINESE HAVE TOLD US THE HOSTS ARE THE "RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS" AND THIS PROBABLY INCLUDES THEIR STATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

Q: HAS THE U.S. EVER SENT A DELEGATION LIKE THIS TO ANOTHER COUNTRY?

A: TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO. THE SENIORITY OF THIS DELEGATION ATTESTS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR PURPOSE.

Q: DOES THIS TRIP PRESAGE NORMALIZATION?

A: NO. THE TRIP IS AN EFFORT TO EXPAND OUR S&T RELATIONS WITH CHINA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

Q: WHO INITIATED THE TRIP -- THE U.S. OR CHINA?

A: BOTH SIDES HAVE DEEMED IT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. ON OUR SIDE, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASSUMED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE IDEA.

Q: WHAT WILL WE PROPOSE SUBSTANTIVELY TO THE CHINESE?

A: THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

Q: WILL WE DISCUSS DEFENSE AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY?

A: NO. VANCE

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